(c) whether any special drive against ticketless travelling has been undertaken during the last three months; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) The measures taken to curb ticketless travel include surprise/ magisterial checks from time to time, publicity campaigns through different media and deterrent penalties incorporated in the new Railways Act.

During January to March 1992, 35 special drives against ticketless/ irregular travel were conducted on South Central Railway. Total 77,155 persons were detected travelling without ticket or with improper ticket during this period and railway dues amounting to Rs. 81.64 lakhs and judicial fine of Rs. 2.57 lakhs were recovered from them.

World Bank loan for Railway Productivity Improvement

1894. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a fresh World Bank loan is being negotiated by Government for 'Railway Productivity Improvement';

(b) whether it is also a fact that the World Bank has stipulated a condition that the existing production units of Railways will be privatised in the next 3 years and no new Production Unit will be started in Government sector in future; and

(c) if so, the stand proposed to be adopted by Government on the conditions which are detrimental to the interests of Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Increase in Train Services in the Country

1895. SHRI RAM SINH RATHWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration to increase the train services from different parts of the country to Madhya Pradesh in view of its tourism potential;

(b) if so, what are the details, thereof;

(c) the number of summer special trains that would terminate in Madhya Pradesh or pass through the State and the number of them that would originate from Madhya Pradesh during the current summer season; and

(d) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The following trains proposed to be introduced in 1992-93 will also serve Madhya Pradesh and the tourists:

1. Nizamuddin-Indore Express.
2. Nizamuddin-Sambalpur Express (tri-weekly).
3. New Delhi/Nizamuddin-Bangalore Rajdhani Express (Weekly).

(c) and (d) About 248 summer special trains being run on the following routes will also serve Madhya Pradesh:—

1. Bombay (Kurla)-Varanasi.
2. Bombay (Kurla)-Gorakhpur.
3. Bombay Central-Delhi via Ratlam.
4. Nizamuddin-Alleppy.
5. Ahmedabad-Varanasi.

However, no train will originate/ terminate in Madhya Pradesh.